

this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

*Amendments*

*In the Claims:*

       Please cancel claims 2-4 and 18-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following claims 1 and 17 for the pending claims 1 and 17:

1. (Thrice amended) A process for the recovery of an organic acid from a fermentation broth comprising the steps of:

(a) drying said organic acid-containing fermentation broth to obtain an organic acid-containing dried product, wherein said drying occurs without prior removal of insolubles from said organic acid-containing fermentation broth;

(b) adding said organic acid-containing dried product of step (a) to a lower alcohol in the presence of an acid, wherein said acid can be any acid which allows for selective recovery of the desired organic acid; and

(c) removing insolubles to obtain an organic acid.

17. (Thrice amended) A process for the recovery of an organic acid from a fermentation broth comprising the steps of:

(a) drying said organic acid-containing fermentation broth to obtain an organic acid-containing dried product, wherein said drying occurs without prior removal of insolubles from said organic acid-containing fermentation broth:

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D (b) adding said organic acid-containing dried product of step (a) to a lower alcohol to obtain an alcoholic suspension:

(c) adding an acid to said alcoholic suspension of step (b), wherein said acid can be any acid which allows for selective recovery of the desired organic acid; and

(d) removing the insolubles to obtain an organic acid.

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